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**PHYSICIANS' ALERT ON COMMERCIAL TESTING FOR COVID-19 AVAILABLE
THROUGH DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORY SERVICES (DLS)**

via

DPHSS Health Professional Licensing Office (HPLO)

Effective March 31, 2020, commercial testing will be available through Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS). Health care providers can now refer specimens from patients who do not meet the criteria for priority group testing directly to Diagnostic Laboratory Services (DLS).

COVID-19 testing is covered under MEDICARE, MEDICAID, and MIP. If you have mild illness and want to be tested, contact your health care provider.

**GUAM PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY (GPHL) COVID-19 Testing remains
limited to these Priority Groups:**

1. Hospitalized and Emergency Room patients *with* COVID-19 symptoms.
2. Patients scheduled for urgent surgery (*not* elective surgery).
3. People with chronic diseases at any age *and* COVID-19 symptoms (e.g., diabetes, cancer, COPD, asthma, ERSD, lupus, cancer, and others as determined by clinician).
4. Health care workers and first responders *with* COVID-19 symptoms.
5. Older people, pregnant women and very small infants *with* COVID-19 symptoms.
6. Indigent patients *with* COVID-19 symptoms lacking insurance.

Please swab priority patients and forward specimens to the GPHL accordingly.

Telephone contact no longer necessary unless you have additional questions (888-9276).


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